been cases of over-payment of Rs. 20.32 lakhs to misclassification; Rs. 16.28 lakhs due to non-application of the cut-off formula; Rs. 13.57 lakhs due to application of incorrect rates; irregular payment of Rs. 8.66 lakhs;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) what steps Government have taken to remove the irregularities mentioned in (c) above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The reports of Government auditors relating to individual branches of scheduled commercial banks are received by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and audit objections are taken up with the concerned branches of banks for settlement. Wherever interest subsidy has been wrongly claimed by banks, recoveries are effected and in case the objections raised by CAG auditors are not in conformity with procedures laid down by RBI, the position is duly explained to CAG's office for dropping the objections. After abolition of the Export Credit (Interest Subsidy) Scheme, 1968 w.e.f. 6th Aug., '91 RBI have directed all scheduled commercial banks to expedite compliance reports on outstanding audit objections. Following the Audit, Rs. 2.66 crores has been refunded by the banks to RBI up to 30th Sept., '91.

(c) to (e) The concerned port licensing authorities of the Director General of Foreign Trade have been directed to make recoveries from the concerned exporters in respect of the cases reported by the CAG involving over-payment due to misclassification, non-application of the cut-off point formula and incorrect application of CCS rates. It may be stated that the figures of over-payment reported by CAG due to non-application of correct CCS rate and irregular payments may be read as Rs. 12.40 lakhs and Rs. 6.02 lakhs respectively as against Rs. 13.57 lakhs and Rs. 8.66 lakhs mentioned in part (c) of the question. The Government have decided to waive the recovery in respect of cases involving over-payment of Rs. 12.40 lakhs due to non-application of correct rates.

Foreign Exchange Earned on Export of Marine Products

4234. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to MPEDA, total of Rs. 1,767 crores was earned as foreign exchange during 1992-93 from marine products;

(b) whether it is a fact that in US dollar-terms this figure is similar to marine products export earning during 1990-91 and 1991-92;

(c) the details of figures in the US dollar-terms for marine product exports during 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93;

(d) whether exports of marine products are stagnet in terms of foreign exchange earned; and

(e) if so, the reasons for such stagnation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Export figures in US Dollar-terms have been as follows:—

	US $ Mn.
1990-91	503.31
1991-92	561.22
1992-93	615.06

Source: MPEDA, Kochi

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

India-China border trade

4235. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are bleak prospects of India-China border trade picking up this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to encourage India-China border trade?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS-

TRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) India-China border trade is presently taking place only from Lipulekh border pass connecting Uttar Pradesh and Tibet. As per information presently available, 251 trade passes have been issued this year as against 21 issued last year during the same period. Report regarding actual trade during this season is not yet available.

(c) Government has already proposed to the Government of People's Republic of China for increasing the number of border trade points.

Impact of Liberalisation of Price Norms on Rice Export

4236. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether new liberalisation of price norms would help to boost rice export;

(b) if so, what are the details of the liberalised price norms issued by Government;

(c) to what extent it has given boost to rice export; and

(d) what are the countries to whom the rice is being exported?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (c) The Minimum Export Price of Superfine Non-Basmati rice has been reduced to US $ 225 per Metric Tonne from US $ 250 Metric Tonne with effect from 10-8-1993. It is too early to assess the impact.

(d) Rice is being exported mainly to Saudi Arabia, U. K., U.A.E., Kuwait, Sri Lanka and Malaysia.

Impact of New Commercial Policy on Exporters

4237. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount cash compensation due to be paid to exporters and by when payment of the same is likely to be made;

(b) whether it is a fact that exporters have been disappointed from the new commercial policy and that it has had an adverse effect on exports; and

(c) whether Government propose to make any amendment in commercial and export policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) The amount of Cash Compensatory Support due to be paid to the exporters is Rs. 200 crores approximately. Against this a sum of Rs. 155 crores has already been released for payment. More funds are likely to be released in September, 1993. All cases of Cash Compensatory Support which are complete in all respects are likely to be cleared by December, 1993.

(b) The scheme of Cash Compensatory Support to Exporters has been suspended subsequent to convertibility of the rupee. No adverse effect of the new commercial policy has been noticed.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय बाजार में कृषि उत्पादों के मूल्यों में गिरावट

4338. **श्री राम जेठमलानी**: क्या प्रधान मंत्री 5 अगस्त, 1993 को राज्य सभा में तारांकित प्रश्न सं० 145 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि गत कुछ वर्षों से अंतर्राष्ट्रीय बाजार में कतिपय कृषि उत्पादों के मूल्यों में निरंतर गिरावट आ रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो ऐसे कृषि उत्पादों के नाम क्या-क्या हैं;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने देश में उत्पादित उत्पादों के निर्यात द्वारा अधिकतम विदेशी मुद्रा अर्जित करने के लिए कुछ कृषि उत्पादों की निर्यात के लिए पहचान की है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो ऐसे कृषि उत्पादों के नाम क्या-क्या हैं और उनके निर्यात से प्रति वर्ष कितनी-कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा अर्जित किए जाने की संभावना है?

नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री कमालुद्दीन अहमद): (क) और (ख) निर्यात कीमत वसूली कई कारकों पर निर्भर करती है जैसे प्राथमिक कीमत, आपूर्ति किए गए सामान की गुणवत्ता, सुपुर्दगी कियान्वयन, मांग तथा पूर्ति की स्थिति और अनेक अन्य घटक इसलिए इसमें